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Sir:

The undersigned points out that the executed application being filed herewith includes pages 1 - 4 of the executed declaration which were forwarded to the undersigned by facsimile by Applicants' Japanese representative on February 4, 2004, and pages 1 - 50 of the specification (with Figures 1 - 22) which were earlier forwarded to the undersigned by Applicants' Japanese representative on February 2, 2004. Further, the undersigned has been advised by the Japanese representative that the inventors had reviewed the application before executing the declaration.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is properly executed and should be considered as filed in executed form. However, if the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that the present application is not properly executed,

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Applicants respectfully request that the present application be treated as an unexecuted application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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